

APPENDIX

TEXT OF CLAIMS ON APPEAL

E 1. A method for manufacturing a pleatable filter material from a thermally bonded non-woven fabric, comprising :

forming a single fibrous web from drawn and undrawn synthetic fibers; calendering the single fibrous web in a single calendering step, wherein during the single calendering step, the undrawn fibers in the single fibrous web are bonded in a tension-free manner between profiled calender rolls to form the non-woven fabric, without inhomogeneities over the cross-section of the non-woven fabric and without the use of flat bonding, and wherein during the single calendering step, spacers are formed in the non-woven fabric to thereby form the filter material.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

preheating the fibrous web and then guiding the fibrous web between heated calender rolls during the single calendering step.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

preheating the fibrous web and then guiding the fibrous web between cooled calender rolls during the single calendering step.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

guiding the fibrous web, unheated, between heated calender rolls during the single calendering step.